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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
ON THE ASSIGNED SUPPORT STATEMENT**

Why am I getting the *Assigned Support Statement* (FEN852)?

The law states that the Department of Human Services has to send a statement of child support payments to families who still get a Family Independence Program grant from the state; who used to get a Family Independence Program grant from the state; or for whom there is still money owed to the state. Additionally, a statement is sent to families who only receive medical benefits.

How many times will I get the *Assigned Support Statement* (FEN852)?

Assigned Support Statements (FEN852) are mailed every three months. The Friend of the Court Interactive Voice Response system lists payment information made by the paying parent. You can find the phone number at this link:

<https://www.misdu.com/Secure/Default.aspx?tabid=29>.

Why would the state keep my child support payments?

When people get a Family Independence Program grant, they give up their rights to get child support for the time they get money from the State of Michigan. While you are getting the Family Independence Program grant, the child support collected, if any, is paid back to the state. When you no longer get the Family Independence Program grant, you will receive your child support payments again.

If I only have a Medicaid case, why would the state keep my support payments?

If you have a Medicaid case, the support collected for medical care is paid to the state because Medicaid is covering your medical expenses. When you no longer have a Medicaid case, you will receive your medical support payments again.

What does it mean to “assign” or give up my rights to support?

When you “assign” your support rights to the state, you are giving the state the right to keep any child support that came due to you during the time you received the Family Independence Program grant. You **will** receive any child support paid that is more than the grant that you received from the State of Michigan.

I see the term “arrear” on the *Assigned Support Statement*. What are arrears?

Arrears are past-due, unpaid support owed by the paying parent. If the paying parent did not pay support in the month it was due, (s)he is said to be “in arrears” by the amount not paid.

What happens to the child support payments after I no longer receive money from the state?

When parents no longer get the Family Independence Program grant, they will receive the regular monthly child support payment like they did before getting the grant – for as long as the paying parent still has to pay. Money collected is first used to pay the current support. Any additional money pays past-due support owed to the family. Money owed to the state is paid last.

What happens to the medical support payments after my Medicaid case closes?

When parents no longer have a Medicaid case, they will receive the monthly medical support payment like they did before receiving Medicaid – for as long as the paying parent still has to pay.

Whom do I contact if I have questions on this statement?

For questions on the *Assigned Support Statement* (FEN852), please write or call your local Friend of the Court. You can find your local Friend of the Court Interactive Voice Response system number at this link: <https://www.misdu.com/Secure/Default.aspx?tabid=29>.